

1 MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
2 WORK SESSION/COUNCIL MEETING  
3 BOROUGH HALL ANNEX  
4 MAY 1, 2006  
5 7:30pm  
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7 *A Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen*  
8 *County, New Jersey was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex at 7:35 pm.*  
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10 ***Council Present*** *Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilpersons Hawkins,*  
11 *Heveran, Mitrani, Raucci, Ryan, Puzzo*  
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13 ***Council Absent***  
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15 ***Council Present*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Brian Giblin Borough*  
16 *Attorney, Victoria Miragliotta, Borough Administrator*  
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18 Mayor Cherchi called the meeting to order.  
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20 Mayor Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Puzzo led in the  
21 Pledge of Allegiance.  
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23 Mayor Cherchi pointed out the Fire Exit.  
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25 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**  
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27 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the  
28 Bulletin Board at Borough Hall and notice has been sent to `the Official  
29 Newspaper.  
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31 **PRESENTATION**  
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33 **Chief Jay Ziegler** – reported on changes in the position of Traffic Officer.  
34 Radio system is still being looked at the loaner system not totally functional.  
35 Motorola met with the Chief and Borough Administrator regarding a new system.  
36 New lap tops are up and running. Terrorism awareness training has begun.  
37 Heather Murphy is the in house trainer for this program. Sgt. Jones is the trainer  
38 for works on safety as required by the State. Chief Ziegler is on the County Chiefs  
39 Association and working with the County to make it more feasible fiscally for the  
40 Municipality. Chief Ziegler explained the mandatory training programs. Parking  
41 is being enforced on the Avenue. Chief Ziegler answered questions of the  
42 members of the Council.  
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47 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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49 Philip Choi, Jr. 435 Golf Course Drive, - Spoke on behalf of Manor Beverage,  
50 and his reasons he is against the transfer.

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52 Robert Pacicco, 530 Grandview Terrace, - Mr. Pacicco asked the Council to  
53 extend the public portion and allow the public more time to speak. Mr. Pacicco  
54 spoke on his reasons why the license should not be transferred.

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56 Councilwoman Heveran made a motion to extend the public session to four  
57 minutes per person. Seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none  
58 opposed.

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60 Christopher Miraglia, 45 Linden Terrace, – spoke against allowing the liquor  
61 license in the Leonia Market.

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63 Leonel Morales, 189 Grand Avenue – spoke against allowing the liquor license in  
64 the Leonia Market

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66 Tammy Pae, 506 Cedar Place, River Vale, NJ - Mr. Choi read a letter on her  
67 behalf.

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69 Mrs. McGrath, 25 Palmer Place, - spoke against allowing the liquor license in the  
70 Leonia Market.

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72 Mr. Paul Byerly 205 Crescent Avenue, spoke against allowing the liquor license  
73 in the Leonia Market.

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75 James Besing 113 Glenwood Avenue – spoke against allowing the liquor license  
76 in the Leonia Market.

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78 Joseph Bevacqua, 133 Glenwood Avenue – spoke against allowing the liquor  
79 license in the Leonia Market.

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81 **RESOLUTIONS**

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83 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to table resolution 06-130 131seconded  
84 Councilwoman Heveran. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed

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86 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolutions 06-126- 06-128, 06-  
87 133, seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. Roll call vote; all in favor none  
88 opposed.

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90 Resolution 06-129,130 &131, 132

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94 Resolution 06-129 – The Council discussed repairs on upper Highwood Avenue,  
95 and the 2005 Road Program. Councilman Puzzo made a motion to amend  
96 Resolution 06-129, seconded by Councilman Raucci. Roll call vote; all in favor  
97 Council President Puzzo made a motion to approve as amend Resolution 06-129,  
98 seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. All in favor none opposed.  
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100 Resolution 06-132 - A motion was made by Council President Puzzo, seconded  
101 by Council Mitrani. Roll Call vote; Councilpersons Heveran, Raucci, Ryan, Puzzo  
102 voted yes. Councilman Hawkins abstained. Minutes approved.  
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#### 104 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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106 Council Meeting, February 15, 2006 – A motion was made by  
107 Councilman Ryan, seconded by Council Raucci to approve the minutes of  
108 February 15, 2006. Roll call vote: All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.  
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110 Work Session, March 13, 2006 – A motion was made by Council  
111 President Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve as amended the  
112 minutes of March 13, 2006. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Heveran,  
113 Raucci, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Councilwoman Heveran abstained. Minutes  
114 approved.  
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116 Closed Session, March 13, 2006 – A motion was made by Councilman  
117 Ryan, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Closed Session Minutes  
118 of March, 13, 2006. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Heveran, Raucci,  
119 Ryan, Puzzo voted yes. Councilwoman Mitrani Abstained  
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121 Council Meeting, March 20, 2006 – A motion was made by Councilman  
122 Hawkins, seconded by Council President Puzzo to approve the Council Meeting  
123 Minutes of March 20, 2006. Roll call vote; All in favor none opposed.  
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125 Closed Session, March 20, 2006 – A motion was made by Council  
126 President Puzzo, seconded by Council Raucci to approve as amended the Closed  
127 Session Minutes of March 20, 2006. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.  
128 Minutes approved.  
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130 Council Meeting/Work Session, April 3, 2006 – A motion was made by  
131 Councilman Hawkins seconded by Council President Puzzo to approve as  
132 amended the Minutes of the April 3, 2006. Roll call vote; all in favor none  
133 opposed. Minutes approved.  
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135 Work Session, April 10, 2006 – A motion was made by Council President  
136 Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve as amended the Minutes of  
137 April 10, 2006. Roll call vote; All in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.  
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Closed Session, April 10, 2006 - A motion was made by Councilman ` Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to approve the Closed Session Minutes of April 10, 2006. Roll call vote;

Council Meeting, April 17, 2006 – held for the Meeting of My 15, 2006.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Senior Bus for Households without Cars** – Mayor Cherchi – Mayor Cherchi suggested allowing residents over 18 who do not own automobiles to utilize the Senior Bus.
- b. **Communications/Radio Consultants Proposals** – Borough Administrator – The Borough Administrator gave the Governing Body an update on the Communications Equipment. The Governing Body discussed long range plans and the use of a consultant.
- c. **Brookside Avenue & Grand Avenue, Englewood No Left Turn** Councilwoman Mitrani – would like to take some action regarding the sign. The Governing Body agreed the Borough administrator would send them a letter regarding the sign.
- d. **Borough Administrator Personnel Responsibilities** – Mayor Cherchi referred to the attachments in the Agenda packet. The Governing Body discussed the role of the Borough Administrator in the personnel practices. Administrator is in charge of Personnel.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Car for Building Department** – Councilwoman Heveran inquired if one of the vehicles at the Road Department may be utilized. The Borough Administrator will look into the vehicle parked at the DPW and see if one could be utilized.
- b. **Rules of Order For Regular Meeting Should not Include Closed Session** – Councilwoman Heveran is looking for clarification regarding closed session. Borough Attorney Giblin reported that according to Rules of Order Closed Sessions are not included. The Governing Body discussed the ability of being polled to add items to the agenda of the Regular Meeting.
- c. **Skate Park** – Councilwoman Heveran referred to a memo from the Recreation Director requesting an area for a skate park. Councilwoman Heveran suggested the area behind the pool. Councilman Ryan did not feel the Texaco property was feasible. The Council discussed where to put the skate park.

Councilwoman Heveran stated there is grant money available and she is willing to pursue it.

- d. **Large Lot Ordinance** – Council President Puzzo deferred to the Borough Attorney, who explained his amendment to the existing Ordinance. The Governing Body discussed the proposed change.

Councilwoman Mitrani made a motion to extend the meeting until 10:30 seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. All in favor none opposed.

- e. **Organizing with Other Towns for Police Arbitration Update and Request** – Councilwoman Mitrani would like the resolution from the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Councilwoman Mitrani would like the approval of the Council to work with other Municipalities regarding arbitration reform. The Council agreed with Councilwoman Mitrani.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Bevacqua explained the genesis of the large lot ordinance.

#### **CLOSED SESSION (Resolution H)**

A motion was made by Councilperson Puzzo to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilperson Heveran. All in favor none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilperson Puzzo to adjourn seconded by Councilperson Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

There being no further business of the before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Lehmann  
Borough Clerk